Claims

In a code division multiple access communication system, a method
 comprising:

determining a rate of change of a carrier to interference ratio (C/I) of a

communication channel received at a receiver; and

determining a gain level of said communication channel based on said

rate of change of said C/I for transmission of said communication channel to said
receiver.

- 2. The method as recited 1 further comprising:
- determining whether said rate of change of said C/l is positive; and subtracting a gain margin from said gain level of said communication
- 4 channel to produce a final gain level for transmission of said communication channel to said receiver.
- The method as recited in claim 2 wherein a magnitude of said gain margin corresponds proportionally to a magnitude of said rate of change of said C/I.
- The method as recited in claim 2 wherein said subtracting includes increasing a data rate of said communication channel.

- The method as recited in claim 2 wherein said subtracting includes
 decreasing a power level of said communication channel.
- The method as recited in claim 2 further comprising transmitting said
 communication channel to said receiver at said final gain level.
 - 7. The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:
- determining whether said rate of change of said C/I is negative; and
 adding a gain margin to said gain level of said communication channel to
 produce a final gain level for transmission of said communication channel to said
 - receiver.
 - The method as recited in claim 7 wherein a magnitude of said gain margin corresponds proportionally to a magnitude of said rate of change of said C/I.
 - 9. The method as recited in claim 7 wherein said adding includes decreasing
 - a data rate of said communication channel.
 - 10. The method as recited in claim 7 wherein said adding includes increasing
- 2 a power level of said communication channel.
 - 11. The method as recited in claim 7 further comprising transmitting said
- 2 communication channel to said receiver at said final gain level.

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- 12. The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:
- determining a mobility level of said communication channel; and
 - determining whether said determined mobility level meets a low mobility
- threshold, wherein said determining said gain level of said communication channel based on said rate of change of C/I depends on whether said
- determined mobility level meets said low mobility threshold.
 - 13. In a communication system, an apparatus comprising:
- a receiver for receiving a communication channel; and 2
- a controller configured for determining a rate of change of a carrier to
- interference ratio (C/I) of said communication channel and determining a gain
- level of said communication channel based on said rate of change of said C/I for
- transmission of said communication channel to said receiver.
 - 14. The apparatus as recited in claim 13 wherein said communication system
- is a code division multiple access communication system.
 - 15. The apparatus as recited 13 wherein said controller is configured for
- determining whether said rate of change of said C/I is positive and subtracting a
 - gain margin from said gain level of said communication channel to produce a
- final gain level for transmission of said communication channel to said receiver.

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- The apparatus as recited in claim 13 wherein a magnitude of said gain
 margin corresponds proportionally to a magnitude of said rate of change of said
 C/I.
- The apparatus as recited in claim 15 wherein said subtracting includes
 increasing a data rate of said communication channel.
 - The apparatus as recited in claim 15 wherein said subtracting includes decreasing a power level of said communication channel.
 - The apparatus as recited in claim 15 further comprising a transmitter for transmitting said communication channel to said receiver at said final gain level.
- 20. The apparatus as recited 13 wherein said controller is configured for determining whether said rate of change of said C/l is negative and adding a gain margin to said gain level of said communication channel to produce a final gain
- 4 level for transmission of said communication channel to said receiver.
- The apparatus as recited in claim 20 wherein a magnitude of said gain
 margin corresponds proportionally to a magnitude of said rate of change of said
 C/I.

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- The apparatus as recited in claim 20 wherein said adding includes
 decreasing a data rate of said communication channel.

The apparatus as recited in claim 20 wherein said adding includes

- 2 increasing a power level of said communication channel.
- 24. The apparatus as recited in claim 20 further comprising a transmitter for transmitting said communication channel to said receiver at said final gain level.
- 25. The apparatus as recited in claim 13 wherein said controller is configured for determining a mobility level of said communication channel and determining whether said determined mobility level meets a low mobility threshold, wherein said determining said gain level of said communication channel based on said rate of change of C/I depends on whether said determined mobility level meets said low mobility threshold.
- In a code division multiple access communication system, an apparatus
 comprising:

means for determining a rate of change of a carrier to interference ratio

- 4 (C/I) of a communication channel received at a receiver; and
 - means for determining a gain level of said communication channel based
- 6 on said rate of change of said C/I for transmission of said communication channel to said receiver.

- 27. The apparatus as recited 26 further comprising:
- 2 means for determining whether said rate of change of said C/l is positive; and
- 4 means for subtracting a gain margin from said gain level of said communication channel to produce a final gain level for transmission of said 6 communication channel to said receiver.
 - 28. The apparatus as recited in claim 27 further comprising means for transmitting said communication channel to said receiver at said final gain level.
 - 29. The apparatus as recited 26 further comprising:
- 2 means for determining whether said rate of change of said C/l is negative; and
- means for adding a gain margin to said gain level of said communication channel to produce a final gain level for transmission of said communication channel to said receiver.
- 30. The apparatus as recited in claim 29 further comprising means for transmitting said communication channel to said receiver at said final gain level.
 - 31. The apparatus as recited in claim 26 further comprising:
- means for determining a mobility level of said communication channel; and

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- means for determining whether said determined mobility level meets a low
 mobility threshold, wherein said means for determining said gain level of said
 communication channel based on said rate of change of C/I depends on whether
 said determined mobility level meets said low mobility threshold.
 - 32. In a communication system, an apparatus comprising:
- means for receiving a communication channel; and

means for a controller configured for determining a rate of change of a carrier to interference ratio (C/I) of said communication channel and determining a gain level of said communication channel based on said rate of change of said C/I for transmission of said communication channel to said receiver.

- 33. The apparatus as recited 32 wherein said means for said controller is configured for determining whether said rate of change of said C/l is positive, and subtracting a gain margin from said gain level of said communication channel to produce a final gain level for transmission of said communication channel to said receiver.
- 34. The apparatus as recited in claim 33 further comprising means for a
 transmitter for transmitting said communication channel to said receiver at said final gain level.

- 35. The apparatus as recited 32 wherein said means for said controller is
- 2 configured for determining whether said rate of change of said C/I is negative and adding a gain margin to said gain level of said communication channel to
- 4 produce a final gain level for transmission of said communication channel to said
 - receiver.
- 36. The apparatus as recited in claim 35 further comprising means for a
- 2 transmitter for transmitting said communication channel to said receiver at said
 - final gain level.
 - 37. The apparatus as recited in claim 33 wherein said means for said
 - controller is configured for determining a mobility level of said receiver and
 - determining whether said determined mobility level meets a low mobility
- threshold, wherein said determining said gain level of said communication
- channel based on said rate of change of C/I depends on whether said
- 6 determined mobility level meets said mobility threshold.
 - 38. In a code division multiple access communication system, a method
- 2 comprising:
- determining a rate of change of a carrier to interference ratio (C/I) of a
- 4 communication channel received at a receiver;

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adjusting a gain level of said communication channel based on said rate of

change of said C/I for transmission of said communication channel to said
receiver; and

determining whether said rate of change of said C/I is positive or negative;
 wherein said adjusting includes subtracting, if said rate of change of C/I is
 positive, a gain margin from said gain level of said communication channel to produce a final gain level for transmission of said communication channel to said
 receiver;

wherein said adjusting includes, adding, if said rate of change of C/I is negative, a gain margin to said gain level of said communication channel to produce said final gain level for transmission of said communication channel to said receiver, wherein a magnitude of said gain margin corresponds proportionally to said magnitude of said rate of change of said C/I.

 The method as recited in claim 38 further comprising transmitting said communication channel to said receiver at said final gain level.